(Acts adopted under Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2006/118/CFSP

of 20 February 2006

extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Central Asia and amending Joint Action 2005/588/CFSP

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 14, 18(5) and 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 28 July 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/588/CFSP appointing a Special Representative of the European Union for Central Asia [1].

(2) On the basis of a review of Joint Action 2005/588/CFSP, the mandate of the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) should be extended for a 12-month period and Joint Action 2005/588/CFSP should be amended.

(3) The EUSR will implement his mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Ján KUBIŠ as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia, as set out in Joint Action 2005/588/CFSP, is hereby extended until 28 February 2007.

Article 2

1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the EUSR's mandate in the period from 1 March 2006 until 28 February 2007 shall be EUR 925 000.

2. Expenditure shall be eligible as from 1 March 2006.

Article 3

Joint Action 2005/588/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 9 shall be replaced by the following:

'*Article 9*

The implementation of this Joint Action and its consistency with other contributions from the European Union to the region shall be kept under regular review. The EUSR shall present to the Secretary General/High Representative (SG/HR), Council and Commission a progress report before the end of June 2006 and a comprehensive mandate implementation report by mid-November 2006. These reports shall form a basis for evaluation of this Joint Action in the relevant Working Groups and by the PSC. In the context of overall priorities for deployment, the SG/HR shall make recommendations to the PSC concerning the Council's decision on renewal, amendment or termination of the mandate.';

2. in Article 10, the second paragraph shall be deleted.

Article 4

This Joint Action shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Article 5

This Joint Action shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 20 February 2006.

For the Council
The President
J. PRÖLL

[1] OJ L 199, 29.7.2005, p. 100.